

CITY ITEMS.

NEWSY NOTES GATHERED BY THE "TIMES" REPORTERS.

Richmond's Reputation for Blood-Curdling Romance.—The Medical Society—Staff Inspection—Welcome Visitors—The United States Court—Election of Officers—Manchester Matters—Business Failure.

OUR SECRET ORDERS.

The Semi-Annual Election of Officers. Germania Lodge, No. 15, K. of P., elected the following officers: P. C., John W. Albers; C. C., A. Volkman; V. C., F. W. Hagemann; P. C., C. Ruchmund; M. of F., A. Hartung; M. of E., A. Blenner; K. of R. and S., C. T. Loehr (seventeenth annual consecutive term); M. of A., John A. Beier (fourteenth consecutive term); I. G., M. F. Richter; O. G., W. Gehrmann; trustees, C. Wipperfurth, H. G. Miller, R. W. Rudolph; representative to Grand Lodge, which meets at Fredericksburg February 15, 1887, John A. Beier.

At the regular meeting of Napoleon Council, No. 411, A. L. of H., held at Elletts Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. J. McDowell, commander; A. S. Beacon, vice-commander; W. D. Sutherland, orator; C. F. Hudnall, secretary; H. P. Gray, collector; H. M. Walthall, treasurer; Cabell Thompson, guide; Dr. G. Smith, chaplain; George A. Nolting, warden; James Morris, Sr., sentry. Trustees, W. J. McDowell, M. F. Hudnall, and R. B. Snead. After the Council adjourned they proceeded in a body to Antoni's new dining-rooms, where a nice banquet-table well laden awaited them.

A Richmond Man Deservedly Complimented.

The coal companies of Alabama have just formed a Coal Exchange for the promotion of the coal interest of the Black Warrior belt, and Mr. John R. Ryan, general superintendent of the Virginia Mining and Manufacturing Company, has been elected president. The companies in the Exchange besides the one he represents are the Corona, the Coal Valley, the Donaldson, the Walker, the O'Brien, and the Day's Gap. They have advanced the price of coal 25 per cent., and can hardly keep up with the demand.

Mr. Ryan is favorably known in this city, where he was for some time engaged in the interests of several mining companies. He is a first-class business man and an estimable gentleman. Mr. Ryan is an elder brother of Mr. William Ryan, associate editor of the State.

They Didn't Understand.

Commissioner William B. Wall yesterday heard the cases of Captain Dana and Mate Christiansen, of the brig Catharina. Johannes Hansen, on Monday afternoon, obtained a warrant from the United States Court libelling the vessel for wages due him. Marshal Scott went down to execute the warrant and was told that if he entered the vessel he would be shot. Policemen were sent for by the sailors to protect the boat, but when the officers arrived they turned the tables by arresting the two sailors above mentioned. They were lodged in the First station-house and were taken before the commissioner Tuesday. The men were unable to speak English, so the case was continued until yesterday that an interpreter might be present.

The case came up yesterday, and it appearing from the evidence that they did not understand the right of Marshal Scott to come aboard the vessel, they were discharged.

Christmas Wedding Bells.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Alexander H. Fitzgerald and Miss Agnes Exilia Owen at the Manchester Central Methodist church Tuesday, December 28th, at 10 o'clock A. M. Mr. Fitzgerald is the popular and talented young principal of the Manchester high school, and the bride-elect is one of the most lovely and lovable of Manchester's daughters.

Cards are also out for the marriage of Miss Fannie Lee Tyndall, daughter of the late Mark A. Tyndall, formerly of this city. The groom-elect is Dr. C. H. Ten Eyck, and the ceremony will be performed at Fayette-street Methodist church, Baltimore, December 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. Mark Tyndall was in other days one of the best-known and most popular men in Richmond.

"River Pirates" at the Academy.

Two large audiences again testified their approval of "Unknown" and its excellent rendition yesterday by Mr. Sargent Aborn's sterling company. Miss Church, Mr. Snader, and, in fact, every member of the company were liberally applauded. There is not a bad actor in the lot.

At the matinee and to-night "River Pirates" will be presented. This is spoken of as a melodramatic play of great power and superb cast, with the full strength of the company. To-morrow "Trix" will be the attraction. The music and scenery in the plays is of a high order, and the house should be crowded this week.

Help to Make the Children Happy.

The Christmas festival of the Mount Calvary Episcopal mission school will be held at the Old Masonic Hall, Franklin street near Eighteenth, December 28th, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M.

This mission is devoted to the interests of a large class of children whose parents are not well off in this world's goods, and should be encouraged. Any contribution will be received by Sergeant Ben. F. Howard at the First police station, or at the hall on Tuesday next.

Foremen of Lamp-Lighters Appointed.

The Committee on Light met yesterday afternoon, and elected Berry Eaves foreman of lamp-lighters. The salary attached to the place is \$300 per year. There will be fourteen men, employed as lighters under him, each of whom will receive \$200 per annum. This work has heretofore been done by contract, but it may seem an apparent paradox, but it is now proposed to light the city by day labor.

"Sleeping Beauty."

The cantata of "Sleeping Beauty" will be given at the next Mozart musicale. Prof. Intropidi, of New York, has been drilling the Oratorio Society of the city in this work, and has secured for the cast some professional talent from abroad, which, combined with home talent, promises the members of the Association an enjoyable evening. The sale of reserved seats will begin Friday at Ramos' music store.

THE CASE AGAINST MRS. SLOPER DISMISSED.

The "Dad's Girl" Company to Whistle for their Boodle.

The motion to quash the *complaint* in the case of the members of the "Dad's Girl" company against Mrs. John F. Sloper was heard in the City Circuit Court yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The court has taken vacation, but, by consent of all parties, witnesses were fully examined and the case submitted. Judge Wellford decided that Mrs. Sloper only acted as agent for her husband, and ordered her discharge from custody.

Mrs. Sloper was represented by John S. Wise, and the members of the company by W. W. Cosby, Jr. Captain Wise at once instituted suit for Mrs. Sloper against all the parties on their indemnity bonds. Her action is for false imprisonment, and she sues for \$1,000. A. Krause is the surety on all the bonds. It seems rather rough to be sued for simply trying to collect money honestly earned and unpaid.

The male Sloper is still at large, and did not appear.

IS THIS A SODOM?

Result of the Latest Sensations. The Northern papers, and in fact, papers all over the country have worked the canard, "another revolting tragedy in Richmond" for all it was worth, and have also made much ado over the demented negro, who is described, "as the inhuman mother who burned her child alive." Very few people now believe this last "fish story." These false rumors added to our real acts of commission do the city no good, and now cranks and dead-beats all over the country are claiming to have committed horrible murders, or to know of such crimes. The latest pretends to know of a case where a man nearly annihilated our police force at one fell blow. But as credulous as people are, this last "chestnut" will hardly be swallowed. Sheenick is willing to come back, no doubt he would be glad to have a free passage, but no case has been found against him and he will have to continue loitering in the Cincinnati workhouse waiting, like Micawber, for "something to turn up."

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

Meeting and Election of Officers. Last night the Academy of Medicine held its regular meeting and elected officers for the ensuing term. Dr. Jacob Michaux was elected president; Dr. Edward McCarthy, first, and Dr. John F. Winn, second vice-presidents. Dr. Aaron Jeffery was elected treasurer and Dr. Charles Mercer secretary. Dr. William S. Gordon read a paper on the therapeutic action of nitro-glycerine. Adjourned.

Welcome Visitors.

Among the strangers in the city yesterday were City Sergeant John A. Brimmer, of Norfolk, and his deputy, Frank R. Henry. Mr. Henry is an old Richmond boy, and is kindly remembered by his old friends here, many of whom he met yesterday.

Both of these gentlemen were particularly attentive and courteous to our firemen on their recent visit to our sister city by the sea.

Mr. L. Knabe, head of the celebrated piano factory of Baltimore, reached the city yesterday morning. He was met by Messrs. M. B. Ramos and Kirk Matthews, and has been shown around the city. Mr. Knabe is passing through on a business trip.

Among the visitors to the city are Delegate B. D. Tillar, of Greenville; Arthur O. Sullivan, of Montgomery; Colonel Beverly Tucker, and Charles W. Henderson, formerly of the St. James Hotel of Washington.

Mr. J. T. Stovall, general manager of Mr. James B. Pace's cattle ranch in Texas, is also in the city. He was formerly a member of the Virginia Senate. Mr. Pace's ranch is described as one of the best and most profitable in the great cattle country.

Manchester Matters.

The infant class of the Bainbridge-street Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree during Christmas week. The public schools will close Friday for the Christmas holidays.

The foundation for the new safe purchased by the city at a cost of \$325, for the use of the Treasurer and Auditor, has been laid, and the safe will be delivered in a few days.

The Santa Claus escort to Professor King, the aeronaut, will be very unique. The procession will start from the head of Hull street, at the railroad crossing. Some half dozen marriages are announced to take place between Christmas and New Year's.

Suit Instituted.

Nelson Merson yesterday instituted suit in the City Circuit Court for the sum of \$5,000 against John C. Batchelor.

The causes which led to the suit are about as follows: Batchelor employed a son of Merson's to drive a cart for him. Batchelor gave the boy an order one day which he neglected to execute at once, whereupon Batchelor picked up a stone and threw it at the boy. The rock struck the boy on the head, causing paralysis of the whole side of his body. From this injury the boy is still suffering. Hence the suit.

A Business Failure.

L. A. Whiting, the latter, engaged in business at No. 1431 Main street, made an assignment to D. C. Richardson, trustee, of his stock of goods and fixtures to secure his creditors. The only creditor in the first class is Mrs. A. R. Pearce, \$300 borrowed money. His liabilities are said to be \$4,800; assets not stated.

Mr. Whiting is a first-class citizen, and it is hoped that his embarrassment is but temporary.

The Story of a Bridal Trip.

The members' monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held this evening at 8:15 o'clock. The members and their friends will be invited to take "A Bridal Trip Abroad with a Satchel" with Rev. W. W. Landrum for a conductor. Also, vocal solos by Messrs. Gay L. Barker and Oscar E. Lohman.

Suit Against the City.

J. Samuel Brauer yesterday instituted suit against the city of Richmond for \$5,000. The action is to recover damages for losses sustained by the plaintiff from imperfect sewers leading from the First police station, under which his stall is situated.

BREVITIES.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS, MINOR MENTION, AND LOCAL LACONICS.

The News of the Day Boiled Down and Served Up in Condensed Shape—About Folks You Know, and Interesting Items Happily and Hastily Hit.

Mr. Jackson Guy, of this city, has gone to Chester, S. C., to spend Christmas. He will return on the 30th.

Mr. George B. Taylor, who has been in Washington Territory, is in the city, and will in future act as deputy to his father.

Mr. William H. Haxall was on the streets yesterday, and was warmly greeted by many old friends after a serious indisposition.

J. L. Arthur, treasurer of Bedford; J. R. Caton, treasurer of Alexandria city, and Robert Hudgin, clerk of Caroline, were at the State Auditor's office yesterday.

Remember the orphans' dinner December 29th. Contributions received at THE TIMES office, also at Thomas J. Todd's, Broad near First street, in addition to places named last Sunday.

Nothing of importance was done in the Police Court yesterday. Several parties were fined for drunkenness, and one prisoner was sent to jail in default of payment of fine imposed for fighting.

Messrs. A. Saks & Co., the popular clothiers, have tastefully decorated their store with evergreens, and have given additional charms to their already attractive establishment in honor of Christmas.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings will meet this evening at 6 o'clock instead of Saturday, and the City Hall hands will be paid off to-morrow in time to invest in Christmas necessities and luxuries.

There will be no service at the First Presbyterian church on Christmas day; but on Sunday there will be a fine musical programme under the direction of Mr. N. B. Clapp, with lovely voices and other services appropriate to the season.

Special paragraphs in the State sensibly observe: "Some people ask the city editor to keep certain items out of the paper. Then when the Baltimore and New York papers have the items these very persons say: 'Why is it that our home papers do not publish the news?'"

Engineer John Mackie, of Steamer Company No. 1, met with a painful accident last night. He was responding to an alarm from Box No. 41, and fell on the curb. One of his knees was so badly cut as to necessitate his remaining at home for several days. Mr. Mackie is a good fireman, and it is hoped that he will soon be out.

The Revision of the Code.

The Code revisers have adjourned for the holidays. Mr. John W. Reilly is in the city en route for his home in Halifax county. The Board of Revision have been in session in Christiansburg, but will meet in Richmond after January 1st.

United States Circuit Court.

The case of Thomas F. Goode vs. Virginia Buffalo Lithia Springs Company was argued in this court yesterday and submitted.

Jewelry for Xmas.

Diamonds well bought are always worth the money you pay for them. Goddard & Moses purchased a fine line of diamond goods recently at a great bargain, and now the Xmas buyers have the full benefit, as every gem has been reduced to the minimum price.

In fine watches their stock is complete. Mr. Goddard knows what a watch should be, and sells none that he cannot fully guarantee. Call before the last moment and make your selection. 920 Main street. Goddard & Moses.

French mixed candies are selling at 10 cents per pound, at the 5 and 10 cent store, No. 115 East Broad street.

Seventh Holiday Reduction of Jewelry Prices.

Although our nominal prices are very low we will until January 1, 1887, give our patrons the benefit of our usual holiday reduction, and have accordingly reduced the price of every article in our store. Our stock has never been so complete as it is to-day. Such novelties as gold, silver, and pearl opera-glasses, gold and silver-head umbrellas and canes, gold pens, pencils, and toothpicks, lamps, bronzes, silver, match-boxes, and vinaigrettes, &c., &c. Fine diamonds, watches, jewelry, and silver and silver-platedware are likewise reduced in prices. An inspection of our goods and prices will convince you that we have the largest stock and our prices are the lowest. No trouble to show goods. Call and examine them at Goddard & Moses', 920 Main street.

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The largest and best selected stock we have ever shown. Superb designs in diamond jewelry, pins, drops, and rings; watches, queen chains, bosom and sleeve-buttons, canes, opera-glasses, French clocks, and new silver in cases for bridal presents. NOWLAN & CO., Jewellers.

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Gents' \$4.00 slippers reduced to \$2.00 at Spence, Tyree & Co's, No. 815 East Broad street.

Gents' \$3.00 slippers are now reduced to \$1.50 at Spence, Tyree & Co's, No. 815 East Broad street.

Weather Strips.

William P. Marrow & Son, No. 13 North Seventh street, will make your doors and windows secure from draughts of cold air and dampness with their weather strips, which they apply and guarantee for 7 cents per lineal foot.

Pure mixed candies are selling at 10 cents per pound, at the 5 and 10 cent store, No. 115 East Broad street.

Christmas Decorations.

The best place to secure your floral has etc., at John Laird's new floral store, 823 East Main street.

READ THE DAILY TIMES.

CURIOSITIES OF LIFE.

Senator Vest's new house in Washington cost him \$10,000.

The Titans of New York ate their annual dinner the other night. No member of the society is less than 6 feet 2 inches in height.

A drunken man in New York, the other day, attacked a wooden Indian cigar sign, which fell upon him with such force as to inflict probably fatal injuries.

A certain commercial traveler, now on trial for bigamy in Washington, married two sisters, and for some time prevented them from knowing that their husband was the same man.

They seem to be carrying the craze for palmistry too far in New York. A young lady who told her "life line" was broken in a threatening manner has taken to her bed quite sick from the worry.

A cousin of Charles Dickens, who is said to be living in New York under very straitened circumstances, absolutely refuses to sell valuable autograph letters of the great novelist, though handsome prices have been offered by collectors.

Hugh T. Inman, of Georgia, a few years ago bought \$2,500 worth of stock in the Sheffield Improvement company. It sank away below par, and he traded it for a suit of clothes. Now the stock is worth \$10,000, and somehow Mr. Inman is not happy.

Some genius painted on a block of wood a picture of a \$5 bill, which he sold for \$500. Then some United States secret service officer seized the "work of art" as a counterfeit. The collector of the treasury thought the matter over and decided that the artist was "not guilty, but mustn't do it again."

A man in Wisconsin was out hunting and a shower came up. He put his hand over the muzzle of his gun to keep the powder dry, when a heavy clap of thunder coming he involuntarily jumped, his knee struck the hammer of his gun and his hand was blown to pieces.

For years a loon has had its home on the Schuylkill near Philadelphia, but the other day it flew into the zoological gardens and was captured. Around its neck was a little silver collar on which was engraved "Nemo, the hermit, 1804." The head keeper of the gardens says he has no doubt of the bird's great age.

A remarkable family experience has occurred at Finley's Lake, Chautauque county, N. Y. It was the taking of a photograph of Mrs. Benjamin Boorman, of that place; her son, Mr. Edward Boorman; his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Osborne; her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Dean, and Mrs. Dean's baby. The picture represents five generations.

The postmaster of Chicago is reported to have received the following letter from Fort Adams, Mass.: "Dear Sir—It affords me much pleasure in ritin you to ask you information something bout a cirklar of stoves on Dies, Loaded Dies, please send me a cirklar of both an price, and how to work them and oblige. ISAAC FOX, JR."

"p.s. Rite to me all bout dies if you be so kind. excuse me for my bold proceeden."

A Bridgeport (Conn.) man who was in New York last week was approached by a man who had found a glove with the forefinger of the left hand cut, which was suitable for his hand, on account of an accident in former years. While the pair were talking a third man came forward and claimed the three-fingered glove, and on examination all the parties had a forefinger missing on the left hand. The trio of three-fingered men shook hands in honor of the event, took three fingers of sherry, and afterward separated in three different directions.

LABOR NOTES.

It is stated that the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers will not be represented at the convention of the national and international trades unions at Columbus, O.

Most of the coal mining in Tennessee is performed by convict labor. The convicts like it, as they get better air, better food, and better treatment than when they are under close confinement.

The Knights of Labor in British Columbia have inaugurated a general boycott against Chinese labor. There are now over 20,000 Chinamen in the country, who have practically driven white labor out of the market.

A party of Knights of Labor waited upon Governor Abbott, of New Jersey, recently and asked him to make special reference in his message to the facts that school accommodations in Jersey City are inadequate; that the child labor bill is not enforced in the state, and that unskilled mechanics are appointed to positions in the navy yard.

According to The London Globe, a Yorkshire man, who describes himself as "sober, honest, industrious, civil, willing and obliging," cannot obtain a situation because he is a husband. He has been a servant by profession for twenty-five years and is competent in every way, but the fatal objection that he has a wife and family meets him at every point.

Yee Hing, a Chinaman who settled in Pittsburgh and had become a Presbyterian, committed suicide the other day because the heathen Chinese of the place tormented him.

Stephen E. Seward, of Rising Sun, Ind., died of Addison's disease the other day. Only a few cases of the sort have ever been known and they have invariably proven mortal. The disorder is caused by diseased suprarenal capsules and its chief symptom is the discoloration of the skin. Seward was originally a blonde, but before his death he had become black as a negro.

An interesting operation of flesh grafting, one of Mr. Paul Bert's discoveries, has just been performed by a young French surgeon. A workman had his foot scorched by molten iron and the skin was destroyed over a surface of about eight inches by four. The surgeon took four strips of flesh from the thigh of a young man and four from a frog and transferred them to the wound, which healed in a few days.

B. Anderson, a Swede, lost his way near Shakopee, Minn., and wandered into a creek, where his boots were filled with water, which quickly turned to ice. Being convinced that he was about to freeze to death, Anderson cut his throat with a penknife and lay down to die. When he was found by a farmer his hands and feet were frozen solid and his windpipe was severed, but he was alive. It is thought that he will recover from his injuries.

W. R. Sonner, of Fort Worth, Tex., has a mad stone that has been used over 100 times and with success. It has a history. In 1848 Capt. Wilson, of Alabama, killed a white deer, and, knowing the Indian theory, looked in its stomach and there found a stone as large as a goose-egg that resembled a petrified sponge. This was the mad stone. The Indian theory is that the white deer is more susceptible to vegetable poisons taken into the stomach when eaten with grass than other animals. To preserve the life of the animal nature has placed in the stomach this porous stone, which absorbs the poison, neutralizes it, and saves the deer's life.

ABOUT THE UMBRELLA.

HOW TO CARRY IT ON THE STREETS OF A CITY.

If You Want to be Considered a Christian Gentleman, Study the Accompanying Situation of This Article and Govern Yourself Accordingly.

There are many ways of carrying an umbrella when traveling the crowded streets of a large city. Some of these ways are very amusing—they are literally frescoed with fun, for, of course, to poke a man in the ribs is uproariously funny. One never knows how many humorists there are in a large city until he goes out on some crowded thoroughfare on a rainy day and watches the antics of the passers by.

One of the favorite methods of poking fun at pedestrians is shown when the facetious individual carries his umbrella under his arm with the point sticking straight out behind. He is talking earnestly with a friend, and every now and then, as he turns toward his companion to add force to his remarks, the point of his umbrella describes an arc, generally ending by striking some one violently in the ribs. Of course, there is a short apology, but a man's apology repair the injury done to a man's dinner?

But this is one of the most innocent forms of amusement. There are many men who are above such trivial sports. A mere bump in the stomach gives them no satisfaction on whatever. They long for more excitement, and nothing less than gouging a man's eye out will do them. This class of pleasure-seekers grasp their umbrellas firmly by the handles, holding them in such a manner that they swing their arms rapidly, and the effect is really astonishing.

ACCOMPLISHED BY EXPERTS.

Statistics show that an expert can hit about two eyes to every block he traverses, besides smashing a tooth and a nose now and then. On pleasant days this sport is often indulged in with the substitution of a cane for an umbrella. The same object can also be accomplished by carrying the instrument of torture over the shoulder and at right angles with the body.

The small boy has a way of carrying an umbrella that is very effective, indeed. He carries it, opened, directly in front of him. Of course he can see no one, and yet, with marvelous precision, he will spear the middle vest button of two out of every three fat men he meets.

The man who, engaged in an excited debate, gesticulates with his umbrella or cane is a humorist of no mean pretensions. He generally grasps the weapon firmly by the handle, waves it excitedly in the air, and brings it down forcibly on the palm of his left hand—that is, he brings it down there whenever there is no hat or head in its path. When there is, there is a hatter's or a doctor's bill for some one to pay.

To the merciful man, who wishes to carry an umbrella in the manner that will be least dangerous to others, it is only necessary to say: Watch the pedestrians, and carry your umbrella in the way adopted by the fewest of those you meet. That will be the most gentlemanly and Christianlike way of holding it.—Chicago Herald.

Night Calls for the Druggist.

Said a west side druggist the other day: "We are often called up from a sound sleep by people who want drugs. I close my store at midnight, and I feel tired after being behind the counter all day. The loud ringing of the bell is not the sweetest music one wishes to be awakened by. Then it is not calculated to put one in good humor to jump out of bed, dress and rush down stairs to find that the customer wants ten cents' worth of something. If medicine or a prescription called for is under \$1, I generally add on about twenty-five cents. Not long ago my bell, which dangles over my head, sounded an alarm. Then it went ding-a-ling, ding-a-ling until I put my head out of the window. 'What do you want?' I asked. 'I want to see the directory,' the man replied. 'You can see it or fifty cents,' I said. The man consented to the charge, and I think it was worth the price for rousing a man from a sound sleep. We are often bothered by young men about town who are on an all night lark. They think it is fun to pull the bell and walk away.'—New York News.

He Was a Preferred Creditor.

"Mine fren," said a Georgia merchant to a drummer who used to frolic with him, after the former had compromised all around at forty cents on the dollar and gained a year to wind up the business, "I'm goin' to make of you—er—er—er you call him—er—er—er creditor. How vas dot?"

"Thanks, old fellow, thank! I knew you wouldn't go back on me. How are you going to arrange it?" The merchant led him aside. "Well," said he, closing one eye, "I want to tell you rite now dot nobody vas goin' to get er d—n—n cent out of my pizness."

"And you call this making me a preferred creditor." The drummer's eyes could have been knocked off with a stick.

"Vy not? You know all about it now, but dem under vellers won't let id out fur er year."—Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

A NOVEMBER MISCONCEPTION.

"Some subtle odor's on the pet, That's ravished me for hours; 'Tis sweeter than the faded bloom Culled from a thousand flowers! Its fragrance charms my every sense; 'What is the perfume pray?' Thus spake the suitor to his love, While riding out one day.

The damsel—as if turned to stone, Stiff in the hazy air; Next, in hysterics, limbered up, And told the blinding flat: "That smell comes from my cloak, you fool! Since 'way last spring, the cloth's been in tarred paper rolled 'till now. To circumvent the moths!" —Jef. Joslyn.

She wasn't very young, but she had money. He didn't want the earth.

"Dearest," he began, but she stopped him. "I anticipate what you are about to say, Mr. Sampson," she said, "and I would spare your feelings, for it can never, never be. I esteem you highly and will be a sister to—"

"I have four sisters already," he replied bitterly, "four grown sisters, and life is a hideous burden. But, oh Clara," he went on passionately, "if you cannot be my wife will you not give me a mother's protecting love? I'm an orphan."—Life.

Starting in the Wrong Place.

A stranger, who was quietly looking over a water power in a Western village was sought out by the mayor, who said:

"I hear you think of starting a factory?"

"It's a good place, and you'll find our people all right. We don't put on any great amount of style, but don't aim to. Here's a pair of suspenders I have worn for over forty years, though I'm worth \$50,000."

"All right," muttered the stranger; "but it was a wonder if a factory I was thinking to locate here."—Fall Street News.

MEETINGS.

NOTICE.—THE REGULAR ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants National Bank of Richmond will be held at their Banking House on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1887. J. F. GLENN, Cashier.

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